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YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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INVOLVEMENT OF YOUTHS IN NATION BUILDING PROCESS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to launch any scheme to involve the youth of the country in the nation-building process on voluntary basis;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the funds allocated for such scheme;

(c) whether the Government has reviewed the working and achievements of National Service Volunteers Scheme (NSVS);

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to make the NSVS more effective?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS (DR. M.S. GILL)

(a) Under the National Service Scheme (NSS), National Service Volunteer Scheme (NSVS) and the Rashtriya Sadbhavana Yojana (RSY) volunteers are enrolled and given an opportunity to serve the community in a variety of areas of social concern and importance. Financial assistance is also extended to Bharat Scouts and Guides. The scheme titled National Programme for Youth Adolescent Development (NPYAD) has been formulated, with effect from current financial year, by merger of four 100% central sector grants-in-aid schemes with an objective to develop leadership qualities and personality development of youth and to channelise their energy towards socio-economic development and growth of the nation.

(b) During the financial year 2008-09, under the scheme of NSS Rs. 76.88 crores is allocated. Rs. 15.50 crores is allocated under NSVS, Rs. 9.50 crores is allocated in RSY and Rs. 3 crores is allocated under Scouts & Guiding.

(c)&(d) IIM, Ahmedabad who was inter-alia entrusted the responsibility of evaluating the scheme of National Service Volunteer Scheme observed in their emerging trends that the volunteers are a great help in reaching out to youth/youth clubs and that the National Service Volunteers evince a high level of enthusiasm to contribute for the cause of nation-building.

(e) To make NSVS more effective, training of volunteers has been given special attention and volunteers are included in the District Advisory Committee on Youth Programmes.